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The invention also includes a method of operating games in a system that includes a plurality of player terminals and a central controller. One of the plurality of game terminals may receive a game choice and a wager amount for a game from a player. The result of the game may be determined. Then, the game terminal may transmit game information (e.g., result of the game, the wager amount, player's updated account balance, a game terminal number, a game type code, a game number, a date, and/or a time) to the central controller after each game for which the wager amount was received. The central controller may in turn adjust player account information of the player after each game according to the result of the game for which the wager amount was received.

Both the foregoing general description and the following detailed description are exemplary and explanatory, and intended to provide further explanation of the claimed invention.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-52 without prejudice or disclaimer, and add new claims 53-144, as follows:

3 Sub 27 53. (New) A gaming system, comprising:

a plurality of game terminals, each game terminal including

means for receiving a game choice and a wager amount for a game from a player,

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means for determining the result of the game, and  
means for transmitting game information after each game for which the wager  
amount was received; and  
a central controller, connected to each of the plurality of game terminals, and including  
means for receiving, from the game terminals, the transmitted game information  
after each game for which the wager amount was received.

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54. (New) The system of claim 53, wherein the game terminal further includes means  
for receiving player identification information from the player.

55. (New) The system of claim 53, wherein the game terminals do not accept coins.

56. (New) The system of claim 53, wherein the game terminals do not accept bills.

57. (New) The system of claim 53, wherein the game information includes at least one  
of the result of the game, the wager amount, player's updated account balance, a <sup>player</sup> game terminal  
number, a game type code, a game number, a date, and a time.

58. (New) The system of claim 57, wherein the central controller further includes means  
for adjusting player account information of the player after each game according to the result of

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the game for which the wager amount was received.

59. (New) The system of claim 58, wherein the adjusting means in the central controller includes:

means for crediting the player account information when the player wins the game, and  
means for debiting the player account information when the player loses the game.

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60. (New) A gaming system, comprising:

a plurality of game terminals, each game terminal including

means for receiving a game choice and a wager amount for a game from a player,

means for determining the result of the game, and

means for transmitting game information after each game for which the wager amount was received, the game information including the result of the game; and

a central controller, connected to each of the plurality of game terminals, and including

means for receiving, from the game terminals, the transmitted game information after each game for which the wager amount was received.

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61. (New) The system of claim 60, wherein the game terminal further includes means for receiving player identification information from the player.

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62. (New) The system of claim 60, wherein the game terminals do not accept coins.

63. (New) The system of claim 60, wherein the game terminals do not accept bills.

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64. (New) The system of claim 60, wherein the game information further includes at least one of the wager amount, player's updated account balance, a game terminal number, a game type code, a game number, a date, and a time.

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65. (New) The system of claim 60, wherein the central controller further includes means for adjusting player account information of the player after each game according to the result of the game for which the wager amount was received.

66. (New) The system of claim 65, wherein the adjusting means in the central controller includes:

means for crediting the player account information when the player wins the game, and  
means for debiting the player account information when the player loses the game.

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67. (New) A gaming system, comprising:

a plurality of game terminals, each game terminal including

means for receiving a game choice and a wager amount for a game from a player,

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means for determining the result of the game, and  
means for transmitting game information after each game for which the wager amount was received, the game information including the result of the game; and  
a central controller, connected to each of the plurality of game terminals, and including  
means for receiving, from the game terminals, the transmitted game information after each game for which the wager amount was received, and  
means for adjusting player account information<sup>AB</sup> of the player after each game according to the result of the game for which the wager amount was received.

68. (New) The system of claim 67, wherein the game terminal further includes means for receiving player identification information from the player.

69. (New) The system of claim 67, wherein the game terminals do not accept coins.

70. (New) The system of claim 67, wherein the game terminals do not accept bills.

71. (New) The system of claim 67, wherein the adjusting means in the central controller includes:

means for crediting the player account information when the player wins the game, and

means for debiting the player account information when the player loses the game.

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73. (New) A method of operating games in a system that includes a plurality of game terminals and a central controller, the method comprising:

receiving, at one of the plurality of game terminals, a game choice and a wager amount for a game, from a player;

determining the result of the game; and

transmitting, by one of the plurality of game terminals, game information to the central controller after each game for which the wager amount was received.

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74. (New) The method of claim 73, further comprising receiving, at one of the plurality of game terminals, player identification information from the player.

75. (New) The method of claim 73, wherein receiving, at one of the plurality of game terminals, a game choice and a wager amount for a game includes receiving, at one of the plurality of game terminals that does not accept coins, a game choice and a wager amount for a game.

Pub 83 → 76. (New) The method of claim 73, wherein receiving, at one of the plurality of game terminals, a game choice and a wager amount for a game includes receiving, at one of the plurality of game terminals that does not accept bills, a game choice and a wager amount for a game.

77. (New) The method of claim 73, wherein transmitting, by one of the plurality of game terminals, game information to the central controller after each game for which the wager amount was received comprises transmitting game information including at least one of the result of the game, the wager amount, player's updated account balance, a game terminal number, a game type code, a game number, a date, and a time to the central controller.

78. (New) The method of claim 77, further comprising adjusting, by the central controller, player account information of the player after each game according to the result of the game for which the wager amount was received.

79. (New) The method of claim 78, wherein adjusting player account information includes:

crediting the player account information when the player wins the game, and  
debiting the player account information when the player loses the game.

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80. (New) A method of operating games in a system that includes a plurality of game terminals and a central controller, the method comprising:

receiving, at one of the plurality of game terminals, a game choice and a wager amount for a game, from a player;

determining the result of the game; and

transmitting, by one of the plurality of game terminals, game information to the central controller after each game for which the wager amount was received, the game information including the result of the game.

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81. (New) The method of claim 80, further comprising receiving, at one of the plurality of game terminals, player identification information from the player.

82. (New) The method of claim 80, wherein receiving, at one of the plurality of game terminals, a game choice and a wager amount for a game includes receiving, at one of the plurality of game terminals that does not accept coins, a game choice and a wager amount for a game.

83. (New) The method of claim 80, wherein receiving, at one of the plurality of game terminals, a game choice and a wager amount for a game includes receiving, at one of the plurality of game terminals that does not accept bills, a game choice and a wager amount for a

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85. (New) The method of claim 80, further comprising adjusting, by the central controller, player account information of the player after each game according to the result of the game for which the wager amount was received.

crediting the player account information when the player wins the game, and debiting the player account information when the player loses the game.

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receiving, at one of the plurality of game terminals, a game choice and a wager amount

adjusting, by the central controller, player account information of the player after each game according to the result of the game for which the wager amount was received.

88. (New) The method of claim 87, further comprising receiving, at one of the plurality of game terminals, player identification information from the player.

89. (New) The method of claim 87, wherein receiving, at one of the plurality of game terminals, a game choice and a wager amount for a game includes receiving, at one of the plurality of game terminals that does not accept coins, a game choice and a wager amount for a game.

90. (New) The method of claim 87, wherein receiving, at one of the plurality of game terminals, a game choice and a wager amount for a game includes receiving, at one of the plurality of game terminals that does not accept bills, a game choice and a wager amount for a game.

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91. (New) The method of claim 87, wherein adjusting player account information includes:

crediting the player account information when the player wins the game, and  
debiting the player account information when the player loses the game.

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92. (New) The method of claim 87, further comprising transmitting, by one of the plurality of game terminals, additional game information to the central controller after each game for which the wager amount was received, the additional game information including at least one of the wager amount, player's updated account balance, a game terminal number, a game type code, a game number, a date, and a time.

93. (New) A game terminal for a gaming system that includes a central controller, the game terminal comprising:

means for receiving a game choice and a wager amount for a game from a player;

means for determining the result of the game; and

means for transmitting game information to the central controller after each game for which the wager amount was received.

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94. (New) The game terminal of claim 93, wherein the game information includes at least one of the result of the game, the wager amount, player's updated account balance, a game

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terminal number, a game type code, a game number, a date, and a time.

95. (New) The game terminal of claim 93, further comprising means for receiving player identification information from the player.

96. (New) The game terminal of claim 93, wherein the game terminal does not accept coins.

97. (New) The game terminal of claim 93, wherein the game terminal does not accept bills.

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98. (New) A game terminal for a gaming system that includes a central controller, the game terminal comprising:

means for receiving a game choice and a wager amount for a game from a player;

means for determining the result of the game; and

means for transmitting game information to the central controller after each game for which the wager amount was received, the game information including the result of the game.

99. (New) The game terminal of claim 98, wherein the game information further includes at least one of the wager amount, player's updated account balance, a game terminal

number, a game type code, a game number, a date, and a time:

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101. (New) The game terminal of claim 98, wherein the game terminal does not accept coins.

102. (New) The game terminal of claim 98, wherein the game terminal does not accept bills.

103. (New) A central controller for a gaming system that includes a plurality of game terminals, the central controller comprising:

means for communicating with each of the plurality of game terminals; and

means for receiving, from the game terminals, game information after each game for which a wager amount was received by the game terminals.

104. (New) The central controller of claim 103, wherein the game information includes at least one of the result of the game, the wager amount, player's updated account balance, a game terminal number, a game type code, a game number, a date, and a time.

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105. (New) The central controller of claim 104, further comprising means for adjusting player account information after each game according to the result of the game for which the wager amount was received.

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106. (New) A central controller for a gaming system that includes a plurality of game terminals, the central controller comprising:  
means for communicating with each of the plurality of game terminals; and  
means for receiving, from the game terminals, game information after each game for which a wager amount was received by the game terminals, the game information including the result of the game.

107. (New) The central controller of claim 106, wherein the game information further includes at least one of the wager amount, player's updated account balance, a game terminal number, a game type code, a game number, a date, and a time.

108. (New) The central controller of claim 106, further comprising means for adjusting player account information after each game according to the result of the game for which the wager amount was received.

109. (New) A method of operating games in a system that includes a plurality of game

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terminals and a central controller, the method comprising:

communicating with each of the plurality of game terminals; and

receiving, at the central controller, game information from the game terminals after each game for which a wager amount was received by the game terminals.

110. (New) The method of claim 109, wherein receiving, at the central controller, game information comprises receiving at least one of the result of the game, the wager amount, player's updated account balance, a game terminal number, a game type code, a game number, a date, and a time.

111. (New) The method of claim 110, further comprising adjusting, at the central controller, player account information after each game according to the result of the game for which the wager amount was received.

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112. (New) A method of operating games in a system that includes a plurality of game terminals and a central controller, the method comprising:

communicating with each of the plurality of game terminals; and

receiving, at the central controller, game information from the game terminals after each game for which a wager amount was received by the game terminals, the game information including a result of the game.

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113. (New) The method of claim 112, further comprising receiving, at the central controller, additional game information after each game for which a wager amount was received by the game terminals, the additional game information including at least one of the wager amount, player's updated account balance, a game terminal number, a game type code, a game number, a date, and a time.

114. (New) The method of claim 112, further comprising adjusting, at the central controller, player account information after each game according to the result of the game for which the wager amount was received.

115. (New) A central controller for a gaming system that includes a plurality of game terminals, the central controller comprising:

means for communicating with each of the plurality of game terminals;

means for receiving, from the game terminals, game information after each game for which a wager amount was received by the game terminals, the game information including the result of the game and the wager amount; and

means for adjusting player account information after each game according to the result of the game for which the wager amount was received.

116. (New) A computer-readable medium containing instructions for causing a

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computer to perform a method of operating games in a system that includes a plurality of game terminals and a central controller, the method comprising:

communicating with each of the plurality of game terminals; and

receiving, at the central controller, game information from the game terminals after each game for which a wager amount was received by the game terminals.

117. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 116, wherein receiving, at the central controller, game information comprises receiving at least one of the result of the game, the wager amount, player's updated account balance, a game terminal number, a game type code, a game number, a date, and a time.

118. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 117, wherein the method further comprises adjusting, at the central controller, player account information after each game according to the result of the game for which the wager amount was received.

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119. (New) A computer-readable medium containing instructions for causing a computer to perform a method of operating games in a system that includes a plurality of game terminals and a central controller, the method comprising:

communicating with each of the plurality of game terminals; and

receiving, at the central controller, game information from the game terminals after each

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120. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 119, wherein the method further comprises receiving, at the central controller, additional game information after each game for which a wager amount was received by the game terminals, the additional game information including at least one of the wager amount, player's updated account balance, a game terminal number, a game type code, a game number, a date, and a time.

121. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 119, wherein the method further comprises adjusting, at the central controller, player account information after each game according to the result of the game for which the wager amount was received.

122. (New) A computer-readable medium containing instructions for causing a computer to perform a method of operating games in a system that includes a plurality of game terminals and a central controller, the method comprising:

communicating with each of the plurality of game terminals;

receiving, at the central controller, game information from the game terminals after each game for which a wager amount was received by the game terminals, the game information including a result of the game; and

adjusting, at the central controller, player account information after each game according to the result of the game for which the wager amount was received.

123. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 122, wherein the method further comprises receiving, at the central controller, additional game information after each game for which a wager amount was received by the game terminals, the additional game information including at least one of the wager amount, player's updated account balance, a game terminal number, a game type code, a game number, a date, and a time.

124. (New) A gaming system, comprising:

a plurality of game terminals, each terminal including

means for receiving a game choice for a game from a player,

means for determining the result of the game using a set of random numbers, and

means for transmitting the result after each game for which the game choice was received; and

a central controller, connected to each of the plurality of game terminals, and including

means for receiving the result from the game terminals after each game for which the game choice was received by the game terminals.

125. (New) The system of claim 124, wherein each game terminal further includes

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means for receiving player identification information from the player.

126. (New) The system of claim 124, further comprising a game server, connected to the plurality of game terminals, the game server including means for sending to the game terminals the set of random numbers.

127. (New) The system of claim 124, wherein each game terminal includes a game server for generating the set of random numbers.

128. (New) The system of claim 124, wherein the central controller includes a game server for generating the set of random numbers.

129. (New) A gaming system, comprising:

a plurality of game terminals, each game terminal including

means for receiving a game choice for a game from a player,

means for determining the result of the game using a set of random numbers, and

means for transmitting the result after each game for which the game choice was

received; and

a central controller, connected to each of the plurality of game terminals, and including

means for receiving the result from the game terminals after each game for which

the game choice was received by the game terminals, and

means for adjusting player account information of the player after each game according to the result of the game received from the game terminal.

130. (New) The system of claim 129, wherein each game terminal further includes means for receiving player identification information from the player.

131. (New) The system of claim 129, further comprising a game server, connected to the plurality of game terminals, the game server including means for sending to the game terminals the set of random numbers.

132. (New) The system of claim 129, wherein each game terminal includes a game server for generating the set of random numbers.

133. (New) The system of claim 129, wherein the central controller includes a game server for generating the set of random numbers.

134. (New) A method of operating games in a system that includes a plurality of game terminals and a central controller, the method comprising:

receiving, at one of the plurality of game terminals, a game choice and a wager amount

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for a game, from a player;

determining the result of the game using a set of random numbers; and

transmitting, by one of the plurality of game terminals, game information to the central controller after each game for which the wager amount was received, the game information including the result of the game.

135. (New) The method of claim 134, further comprising receiving the set of random numbers from a game server.

136. (New) The method of claim 134, further comprising generating the set of random numbers within the game terminals.

137. (New) The method of claim 134, further comprising receiving the set of random numbers from the central controller.

138. (New) The method of claim 134, further comprising transmitting, by one of the plurality of game terminals, additional game information to the central controller after each game for which the wager amount was received, the additional game information including at least one of the wager amount, player's updated account balance, a game terminal number, a game type code, a game number, a date, and a time.

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receiving, at one of the plurality of game terminals, a game choice and a wager amount for a game, from a player;

determining the result of the game using a set of random numbers;

transmitting, by one of the plurality of game terminals, game information to the central controller after each game for which the wager amount was received, the game information including the result of the game and the wager amount; and

adjusting, by the central controller, player account information of the player after each game according to the result of the game for which the wager amount was received.

140. (New) The method of claim 139, further comprising receiving the set of random numbers from a game server.

141. (New) The method of claim 139, further comprising generating the set of random numbers within the game terminals.

142. (New) The method of claim 139, further comprising receiving the set of random numbers from the central controller.

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